

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2140 - SB 2211

February 22, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Reading Matters Pilot Program for the purpose of implementing a comprehensive literacy curriculum for children in kindergarten through the third grade. The pilot program will be a three year program beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to develop, administer, and monitor the pilot program. Requires funding for the program to be a combination of available federal funds and funds appropriated by the General Assembly. Sets forth requirements for pilot program operators. Requires the DOE to provide annually a report on the pilot program to the Education Committees of the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,810,200/FY16-17
\$1,810,200/FY17-18
\$1,810,200/FY18-19

Assumptions:

- The DOE is unaware of any federal funds that would be available for the Reading Matters Pilot Program.
- To accomplish the provisions of the bill, an appropriation of \$1,480,000 will be required each year of the program for grant funding.
- The Boys and Girls Club will be provided such grant funding each year in order to accomplish the provisions of the bill.
- The DOE will require four additional personnel for a three-year period to oversee the pilot program including one education consultant position and three program monitor positions.
- Salary and benefits for the education consultant are estimated to be \$91,542 (\$66,336 salary + \$21,890 benefits + \$3,316 supplies) and each program monitor position will be \$46,235 (\$33,504 salary + \$11,056 benefits + \$1,675 supplies).
- The increase in state expenditures for new personnel for each year of the pilot program is estimated to be \$230,247 [\$91,542 + (\$46,235 x 3)].
- Based on information from DOE, the department will purchase literacy curriculum development material for an estimated cost of \$100,000 each year of the pilot program.

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- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,810,247 (\$1,480,000 + \$230,247 + \$100,000). These expenditures are assumed to occur each year FY16-17 through FY18-19.
- Following completion of the three year pilot program at the end of FY18-19, it is assumed any estimated funding would no longer be required.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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